

BALLOU POINTS TO HEALTH AIM AMONG PUPILS

Further Authority Asked
For Development of
Physical Training.

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the basis of credits for physical education and training should be on the results attained, and he believes that attainment or maintenance of a satisfactory standard of health should cover the pupils' normal weight, freedom from physical defects, actual practice of health habits and ability to perform prescribed gymnastics or exercises without undue fatigue.

Modifications Favored.

Dr. Ballou recommends that the physical training course in the high schools be modified to conform to these principles, so that the high school graduates may be both physically and mentally better prepared for future usefulness.

The Health Department of the District is in complete control of the discovery and treatment of defects of pupils in the public schools. The report reads that the staff consists of a chief medical and sanitary inspector who, under direction of the health officer who supervises the work of his staff consisting of twelve medical inspectors who serve part time, four dental inspectors on part time, eight dental operators, four prophylactic operators and ten nurses.

Each health inspector averaged fourteen examinations of pupils out of a count of 25,544 examinations performed, the majority of which were only diagnosed by special symptoms noted by the teacher. The report declares that with this limited staff it is not possible to examine systematically all pupils in the school system yearly. The health school to be erected in place of the old Hamilton School will afford splendid health and educational service for a large number of pupils who are now attending regular schools and who if examined would be found to have tuberculosis, according to the report.

Children Under Weight.

Dr. Ballou stresses the importance of weighing and measuring all children to show their nutritional condition. Careful surveys show that from 20 per cent to 30 per cent of all school children that 10 per cent are underweight.

An educational and corrective program has been proposed for the solution of poor nutrition. This would consist of feeding at intervals, rest, during the school periods, physical examinations and the instruction of both child and parent in the cause and remedy of poor nutrition.

Clinics at six public schools were carried on during the past year with the assistance of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which furnished the services of two trained nutrition workers, and contributed the necessary literature, charts and other supplies. The average gain in weight for the classes as a whole was 14.72 per cent of the expected normal gain. These clinics have undoubtedly made a lasting impression upon the minds of the underweight children who were privileged to attend them, and will do much to influence for better health their future habits and lives. This work should be extended, and a sufficient force of medical inspectors, nurses and nutrition workers provided so that all undernourished children may benefit.

Of the mentally retarded children examined during the past year, out of 170, 35.8 per cent were classified as not mentally deficient, 44 per cent bordering on mental deficiency, and 19.8 per cent as feeble-minded. Out of these 170 pupils, 24 per cent were further diagnosed as having congenital word blindness.

Because of the inability of a medical inspection force of such small proportion the number of retarded pupils in the schools is far in excess of those examined. The report states that this work properly belongs in a department of educational research.

Much Teeth Defectiveness.
Approximately 28 per cent of the public school pupils of Washington were examined by four dental inspectors this year and the reports showed a large percentage of teeth defectiveness.

With these conditions existing among school pupils it is plainly evident that a great increase in educational, prophylactic and corrective work is needed for their improvement, the report states.

Six per cent of the average enrollment of the graded schools were treated at the four school dental clinics, receiving an average of 3.25 fillings, 1.16 extractions, 3.28 other operations, and 23 anesthetics per pupil treated.

These clinics have been unable to handle the work requested. Thousands of requests were received which could not be reached during the year. In the majority of these cases the pupils needing treatment have received none as the parents have waited, expecting future appointments, or were unable to pay. The majority of pupils treated would not have received treatment otherwise.

The educational efficiency of the schools will be increased by those clinics, which will bring about better health, fewer illnesses and absences, better discipline and better concentration through the relief of physical discomfort and disabilities, it is stated.

The report states further that with the increasing nursing needs and increasing work to be done,

OLD GLORY ADORNS SALVATION ARMY BUILDING



Scene showing the crowds gathered to witness the raising of the flag over the new Salvation Army building, 606 E street northwest, which was formally dedicated yesterday afternoon "To God and to the use of the Salvation Army."

Maj. J. G. McGee, of the Salvation Army, raised the flag which opened the ceremony and marked the new ownership of the building.

namely, more physical examinations, weighing and measuring, nutrition studies and follow up work, the examinations of teachers, and the completion of cases now left undone for lack of a sufficient corps it is evident that more nurses are needed to do the work required. The present ratio of nurses to pupils is one to approximately 6,000. This ratio should be not more than one to 2,500.

It is recommended in the report that the salary of the chief medical and sanitary inspector be increased from \$2,500 to \$3,500 per year and that he be permitted to practice his profession as are the other members of the staff of the health officer.

The report also states that the number of medical inspectors be increased from twelve to twenty, and that their compensation be increased from \$700 per year to \$1,200 for three and a half hours per day throughout the year. Also that the salary of the prophylactic operators be increased from \$500 per year to \$1,200 so that the number now appropriated for can be employed, and that the number be increased from four to eight so that every pupil can be reached at least once yearly, and that the number of school nurses be increased from ten to twenty, with their salary increased from \$1,200 to \$1,400 per year.

Favor Bigger Dental Force.
It is further recommended that the number of dental operators be increased from eight to sixteen, and that their compensation be increased from \$700 per year to \$1,200 for three and a half hours per day throughout the year. Also that the salary of the prophylactic operators be increased from \$500 per year to \$1,200 so that the number now appropriated for can be employed, and that the number be increased from four to eight so that every pupil can be reached at least once yearly, and that the number of school nurses be increased from ten to twenty, with their salary increased from \$1,200 to \$1,400 per year.

The school system of Washington contains 140 elementary school buildings, 7 high-school buildings, 2 junior high-school buildings, 2 normal-school buildings, 2 vocational schools, making in all 153 school buildings. A few of these buildings, like the Berret, B. B. French and Wisconsin Avenue, are used for special purposes, such as domestic science, domestic art and manual training.

From year to year appropriations have been made for fitting up the yards of these schools with playground apparatus. At one time or another 78 of these yards have been fitted up and called authorized playgrounds. Money has been expended largely for the purchase of swings and see-saws, although some of the larger grounds have been more fully equipped.

Of the 140 elementary schools there are at present 52 whose grounds have never been authorized as playgrounds. Some of these have been partially equipped from private contributions. A considerable number of them have little or no play space about them.

Of the 78 authorized playgrounds, 23 have inadequate space, 10 have adequate space, but are undeveloped, and the remainder have adequate yards, but the equipment is in bad condition. Several of the yards need grading. Much of the equipment must be replaced. The appropriations for repairing and equipping six additional yards each year does not adequately provide for the extension of playground facilities of other schools.

In the past, the equipment of our school playgrounds has consisted largely of swings, see-saws and slides. These are all deteriorating, solely because, under the law, new equipment can be purchased for six additional playgrounds yearly but none of that appropriation may be expended for grounds previously equipped or recently enlarged.

From the appropriation for maintenance and repair, repairs to playground equipment can be made from time to time. However, when it is once worn out, it may not be replaced under any appropriation now provided in the appropriation

bill. It is usually replaced by the generous contributions of home and school associations and like organizations.

The superintendent believes that the streets of Washington are coming to be more and more dangerous to pedestrians and particularly to school children. It is desirable that the school playgrounds be utilized to their fullest extent. They should be opened before school and after school and during the recess periods. School playgrounds so opened should be properly supervised. When children of all ages from the first grade to the eighth grade are using the same playground it is essential that there must be some one in charge to supervise the children.

During the recesses which occur in the school day a teacher can be assigned to look after the play of children. It should not be considered a part of the teacher's duties to supervise the play of children in the yards after school hours any more than it should be considered a part of the teacher's duty to supervise the play of pupils during the summer vacation.

Final recommendations made in the report are that adequate play space be provided for all new schools; that systematic efforts be made to equip all unequipped grounds; that an item be placed in the next budget for the purchase and replacing of old equipment and that a new item be included in estimates to provide compensation for playground supervisors for after school hours and during vacations.

COATS AS GIFTS FOR 100 POOR BOYS

In line with their annual custom, Saks and Company will again distribute 100 overcoats as Christmas gifts among boys whose names are selected by representatives of the Associated Charities.

After the boys have been selected by the Associated Charities they will receive a ticket entitling them to a new overcoat.

Archbishop Curley Coming Thursday

Archbishop Curley will make his first official appearance in Washington next Thursday at the Catholic University. On that occasion he will take part in the celebration of the feast of the immaculate conception. The Right Reverend Rector of the university will sing the pontifical mass in the new gymnasium at 10:30, to be preceded by an academic procession. At the mass Archbishop Curley will address the university body.

Nab Man Sought in Slaying.

John Gentry, colored, sought in connection with the murder of Charles Tolson, also colored, in Hoolidge court, in June, 1919, was arrested in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., according to a telegram received at headquarters yesterday.

Detective Sgt. Charles Mullen left Washington yesterday to return with the prisoner. The arrest in Poughkeepsie resulted from a fight in a dance hall, according to police.

SALVATION ARMY DEDICATES NEW BUILDING HERE

Evangeline Booth Will
Deliver Her Farewell
Lecture Today.

Salvation Army corps from all parts of the country yesterday witnessed the raising of the American and the Salvation flags over the Army's new building, at 606 E street northwest, following the dedication.

The parade, led by the staff band from New York, proceeded from 1320 L street northwest, down Pennsylvania avenue to the new building. At the new home hymns were sung by a large chorus.

A concert was given last night for the entertainment of the delegates and their friends attending the congress in the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church.

The congress of the Salvation Army will come to an end this evening in Poli's Theater when Comdr. Evangeline Booth will deliver her farewell lectures on "The Great Question."

This afternoon at 3 o'clock Comdr. Booth will talk at Poli's Theater. Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, will act as chairman. The Salvation Army Ter-

SEND GIRL SLAYER TO ASYLUM CELL.

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 3.—Lena Clarke, erstwhile West Palm Beach postmistress, was committed to an insane asylum today by Judge Andrews in Circuit here.

The action was taken after the acquittal of the young woman on a charge of murdering Frederick A. Mittemore, Orlando restaurateur. Walter Patterson, also charged with the murder, was acquitted at the same time.

Officers Re-Elected by Vets.
All the officers of the Washington Veterans' Union were re-elected by acclamation at their regular business meeting Friday night. Satisfaction was expressed with the work of the administration of which John M. Reed is president and Charles M. Mayer is business agent and financial secretary.

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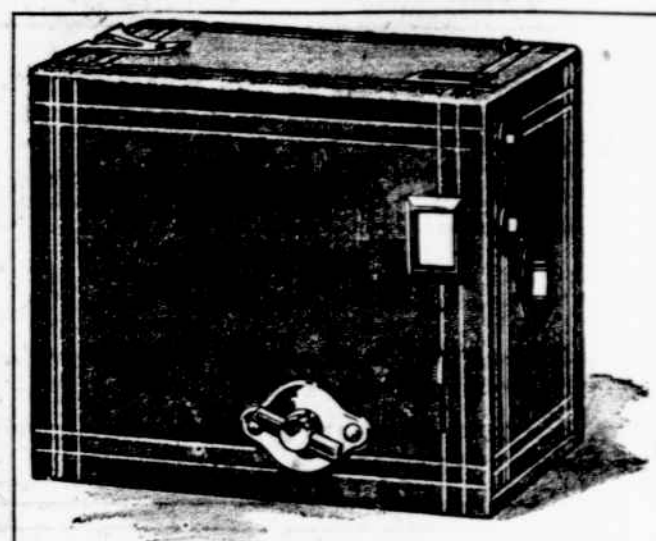
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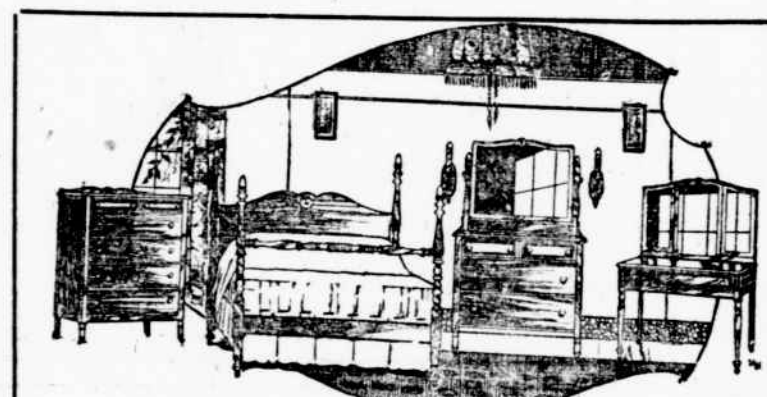
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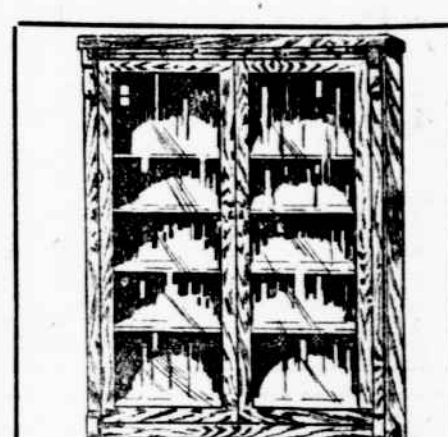
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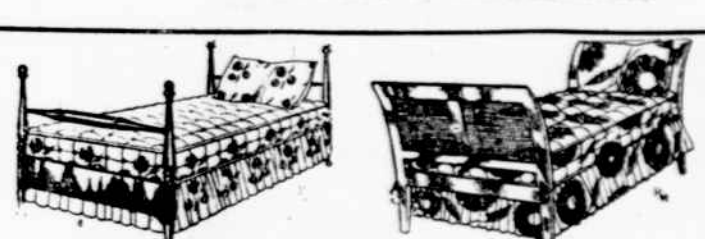


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Drop-Leaf Table

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This pattern has the oblong top—24x30 inches when open and, like the other, stands 26 inches high. Mahogany finish.

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Golden Oak or Mahogany finish—and very practically arranged with pigeon holes, etc. Strongly made throughout.

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Colonial Sewing Table

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Of Mahogany finish—and very well made; the legs are of graceful shape and fluted; there are two drawers and two spacious compartments for the sewing.

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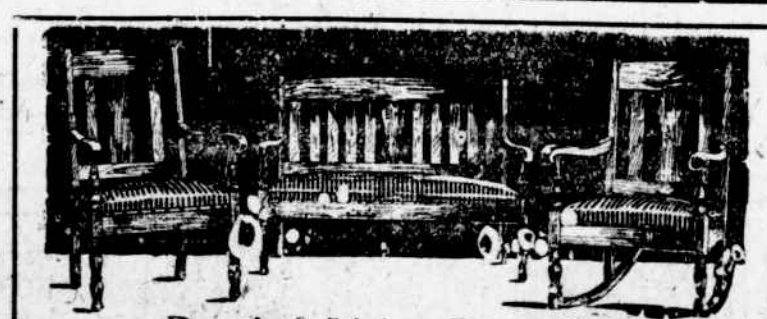


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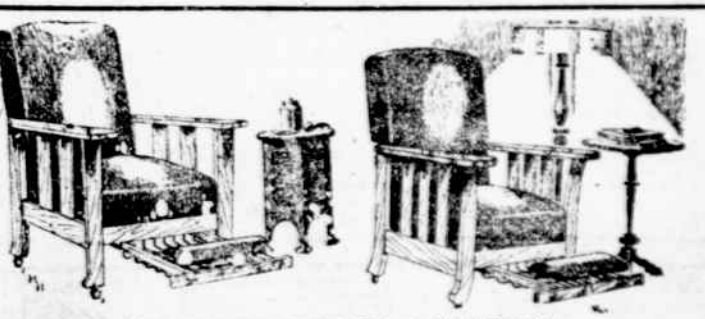


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